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Real Alloy to restart Kentucky UBC recycling facility

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Real Alloy Inc., Sherman Oaks, California, has restarted its Real Alloy Holding Inc. subsidiary's used beverage container (UBC) recycling operation in Morgantown, Kentucky, because of increased customer demand and to fulfill a new contract. The UBC recycling operation has been idle since December 2015.

On an annualized basis, Real Alloy says it expects to process approximately 50,000 tons at the Morgantown facility, which represents more than 6 percent of Real Alloy North America's total annual volume. The Real Alloy North America and Real Alloy Europe units comprise Cleveland-based Real Alloy Holding.

Terry Hogan, president at Really Alloy, says, "We are excited about restarting UBC recycling operation at Morgantown. The restart will bring approximately 30 people back to work at the facility and will result in higher equipment utilization with the higher production levels. We are currently ramping up the equipment and expect to be delivering the targeted volumes by the beginning of October."

ISRI officials detail concerns following latest trip to China

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China's changing import policies have continued to disrupt recycling operations in the United States, even though news coming from Chinese Government has been relatively quiet recently. That doesn't mean, however, that the wheels have stopped turning.

In a leadership update from the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI), Chair Mark Lewon and President Robin Wiener detailed the organization's latest trip to China.

While overseas, ISRI officials met with representatives of the Chinese government and briefed a working group of officials from the U.S., UK, European Union, Australian, New Zealand and Japanese embassies to coordinate a strategy for working with the Chinese government.

From their meetings, Lewon and Wiener said, in their letter to ISRI members, there may be little understanding in the Chinese government about the level of disruption to global supply chains that the new regulations could cause.

For example, because of the speed the new regulations are coming on board, certain agencies or ministries within China's government may not be prepared for full implementation. Because of this, inspections may vary between different Chinese ports and inspectors.

They also made clear that new regulations and environmental controls aren't being applied only to the waste industry. Chinese officials realize, the letter said, that their country is facing an environmental crisis and are targeting recycling, agriculture, coal, oil and other industries to make their country cleaner.

There have been some signs that Chinese officials are listening to what ISRI and other organizations are saying about the implementation, which may have helped lead to the slight loosening of contamination standards last month. While this is seen as a positive, there is some worry that Chinese disruption may not be the end.

According to Lewon and Wiener, a big worry is that what China is doing may set off a wave of copycat rules in other countries, so it is in all of our best interest to go above and beyond – to demonstrate our industry's commitment to responsible recycling.

Looking forward, ISRI plans to submit more comments to the World Trade Organization, and making a commitment to "responsible recycling" the focus of the ISRI Board meeting in Washington, D.C. next month. ISRI is asking members to join the discussion in order to develop a "more comprehensive and forward looking strategy" for the industry.

COMMODITY

<u>PAPER-\$/TON</u>	RecyclingMarkets.Net/Secondary Fiber Pricing (Midwest/Central Region) FOB							
-	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Dec-16
#2 mixed paper	\$65-75	\$60-65	\$65-75	\$60-65	\$30-35	\$30-35	\$30-35	\$70-75
#37 sorted office paper (SOP)	\$155-165	\$155-165	\$155-165	\$155-165	\$130-140	\$130-140	\$130-140	\$155-160
#8 ONP	\$90-100	\$70-80	\$90-100	\$70-80	\$50-60	\$50-60	\$50-60	\$80-90
#40 sorted white ledger (SWL)	\$205-215	\$205-215	\$205-215	\$205-215	\$205-215	\$205-215	\$205-215	\$205-210
#11 OCC	\$160-170	\$140-155	\$160-170	\$140-155	\$90-100	\$90-100	\$90-100	\$95-105
<u>PLASTICS-¢/LB.</u>	RecyclingMarkets.Net/Secondary Materials Pricing - FOB							
-	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Dec-16
#1 PET - mixed (clear & green)	\$0.15	\$0.15	\$0.16	\$0.16	\$0.14	\$0.14	\$0.14	\$0.10
#2 HDPE (natural-milk jugs)	\$0.28	\$0.29	\$0.29	\$0.32	\$0.32	\$0.32	\$0.32	\$0.24
#2 HDPE (colored-detergent btls.)	\$0.15	\$0.16	\$0.14	\$0.17	\$0.19	\$0.19	\$0.17	\$0.13
<u>GLASS-\$/TON</u>	RecyclingMarkets.Net/Secondary Materials Pricing - Delivered							
-	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Dec-16
clear (flint)	\$31.00	\$31.00	\$31.50	\$33.00	\$32.50	\$32.50	\$32.50	\$31.00
brown (amber)	\$27.50	\$27.50	\$27.50	\$22.50	\$27.50	\$27.50	\$27.50	\$27.00
green	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$13.00
<u>METALS</u>	RecyclingMarkets.Net/Secondary Materials Pricing - Baled/Densified							
-	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Dec-16
aluminum beverage cans (UBC) cents/lb.	\$0.66	\$0.66	\$0.67	\$0.72	\$0.72	\$0.72	\$0.72	\$0.62
	RecyclingMarkets.Net/Secondary Materials Pricing - Baled							
	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Dec-16
steel cans \$/TON	\$120-160	\$125-160	\$150-180	\$150-180	\$120-150	\$120-150	\$120-150	\$65-90

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